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BOROUGH OF APPLEBY.

To the Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors of the
Borough of Appleby.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your information
my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year
1923.

It again takes the form of an ordinary report as
defined in para: 3 of Circular 269 of the 28th of Dec: 1921,
and contains but a brief outline of the more important phases
of the work, prepared on the lines laid down by the Ministry
of Health.

My thanks are due to the Medical Profession for their
valuable assistance in furthering the interests of Public Health.
Statutory notifications are with few exceptions regularly complied
with.

I have the honour to be,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,

Medical Officer of Health
Westmorland Combined Districts.

21st March, 1924.

1. GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres)	1877
Population (1923)	1653
Number of inhabited houses (census 1921)	431
Number of families or separate occupiers (census 1921)	432
Rateable Value.	£11,658 - -
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£ 37 10 -

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics
Of The Year.

	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Births (legitimate)	11	13	} 29	Birth Rate 17.
" (illegitimate)	1	4		
Deaths. 25				Death Rate 15.
Number of women dying in, or in consequence of				
childbirth.		From sepsis		Nil.
		Other causes.		Nil.
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age, per 1,000 births:-				
Legitimate. Nil.	Illegitimate. Nil.		Total. Nil.	
Deaths from Measles (all ages) Nil. Nil.				
" " Whooping-cough (all ages)			Nil.	
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)			Nil.	

There has been no excessive or unusual mortality during the year.

Occupational pursuits have had no influence upon the incidence of the disease.

There were no cases of deaths from Tuberculosis, where the disease had not previously been notified.

The notification of all known cases of Tuberculosis has invariably been carried out.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum. One case was notified and treated at home without any impairment of vision.

4. Causes of Sickness.

There have been no specially noteworthy causes of sickness or invalidity in the district.

5. Summary of Nursing Arrangements, Hospital, and other Institutions Available for the District.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

- (a) General. District Nursing Association.
(b) Infectious Diseases, e.g.
Measles, etc. District Nursing Association.

District Nursing Associations are voluntary organisations receiving grants in aid from the County Council.

Midwives. There are no practising midwives.

Clinics etc.

Name.	Address.	Accommodation.	Provided by County Council.
Tuberculosis Dispensary.	Briardale, Appleby.	Waiting Room.	
School Dental Clinic.	Travelling.	Consulting Room.	

Hospitals Provided or Subsidised by the Local Authority
or by the County Council.

<u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Situation.</u>	<u>Accommodation.</u>
Tuberculosis.	Meathop-Grange-over-Sands.	150 beds.
Fever.	Ormside, Nr. Appleby.	20 "
Small-pox.	Woodside Nr. Kendal.	50 "
Ethel Hadley Hospital School (Orthopaedic)	Calgarth, Windermere.	30 "
Venereal Disease.	North Lonsdale Hospital, Barrow-in-Furness.	-

Extensions and improvements to Ormside Fever Hospital have been completed.

The Westmorland County Hospital contains 50 beds available for all non-infectious medical, surgical and abnormal midwifery cases. A new Maternity Ward is in course of erection. It is supported by voluntary contributions.

Penrith Hospital and Carlisle Infirmary also admit patients from this area requiring general treatment.

Institutional provision for unmarried mothers, etc.

St. Monica's Maternity Home, under the control of the Carlisle Diocesan Maternity Committee.

Ambulance Facilities.

- (a) Infectious cases. A motor ambulance the property of the Ormside Joint Hospital Board.
- (b) Non-infectious cases. Motor ambulance under the control of the Penrith District Joint Ambulance Committee.

6. Laboratory Work.

The Combined Districts of Westmorland have provided laboratories at Kendal, to which any practitioner may send specimens for examination. Sputum is also examined at Meathop Sanatorium. The following have been done for Appleby:-

Diphtheria.	2.
Tuberculosis (sputum)	1.
Malaria.	<u>1.</u>
Total.	<u>4.</u>

Diphtheria Antitoxin is issued free for the treatment of all necessitous cases, excepting patients under the National Health Insurance Act; also for both necessitous and insured patients for prophylactic purposes.

7. Sanitary Administration.

List of Adoptive Acts, etc.	Date of Adoption.
Parts II & III Public Health Act Amendment Act. 1890	1895
Byelaws.	
Cleansing of Footways etc.	1875
Removal of Houses Refuse.	1875
Cleansing of Privies.	1875
Keeping of Animals.	1875
New Streets and Buildings.	1875 & 1902
Common Lodging Houses.	1875
Slaughterhouses.	1875
Drainage of Existing Buildings.	1877

Summary of the Work done by the Sanitary Inspector.

Defective water closets.	5
Defective drains.	11
Defective gullies.	5
Accumulation of rubbish.	1
Disinfection after infectious disease.	7
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Total.	29
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No statutory notices and only 2 informal notices were served.

Closet Accommodation.

Water closets.	414
Privies.	50
Pail closets.	2
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	466
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One conversion of privy into water closet was made.

Regular inspection of Slaughter-houses. Dairies, and Cowsheds, Butchers Shops and Bakehouses has been made and the sanitary condition of all premises where food is prepared, stored or exposed for sale is good.

One carcass of heifer was condemned for tuberculosis and one case of fish and 58 rabbits were found to be unfit for human consumption.

Under the Milk & Dairies (Amendment) Act 1922 10 retail milk purveyors have been registered.

There is one private Slaughter-house which has been efficiently maintained.

Disinfection with formalin is carried out after all infectious cases.

Bedding, clothing etc. are disinfected when required at Ormside Joint Hospital.

No facilities exist for disinfection.

A pamphlet on Small-pox was supplied to all Medical Practitioners.

8. Staff.

Name.	Qualifications.	Office.	Whole or part time.	Other Offices.	Salary contributed under P.H.A. or Exchequer Grants.
W.B. Cockill.	M.D. etc. D.P.H.	M.O.H.	Part	M.O.H. Combined Districts of Westmorland.	Yes.
F.T. Balmer.	-	Sanitary Inspector	Part	Surveyor Rate Collector Gas Works Clerk.	Yes.

9. Housing.

Number of new houses erected during the year:- Nil.

(a) Total.

1. Unfit dwelling-houses.

Inspection. (1) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected and for Housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Nil.

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (inspection of district) Regulations 1910. 204.

(3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. Nil.

(4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. Nil.

2. Remedy of Defects without service of Formal Notices.

Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.

3. Action under Statutory Powers. Nil.

